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2,742 Berlin Suicides

Berlin, Jan. 27.
Berlin police records today showed that 1,809 residents had committed suicide during 1946, bringing the post-war total to 2,742. Sixty-five percent of the suicides were women, police said. Officials attributed most of the self-slaying to poor living conditions and food shortages.
"They could not live on a No. 5 (1,100 calories) ration card and preferred a quick death to slow starvation," one official said.—United Press.

Reaction To Air Disasters

London, Jan. 27.
Reacting strongly to the two week-end air disasters, the British press to-day called for an immediate enquiry into the use and loadings of Dakota aircraft.

In particular, they asked for an official statement on the load which British-operated Dakotas should carry.

Saying that British Dakotas are allowed to take 3,000 pounds more load than they were designed to carry, the Daily Mail editorial to-day said: "It must be asked whether British civil aviation profitable payload is considered to be more important than the safety of passengers."

The News Chronicle termed the overloading of these planes as a "national scandal" and emphasised that only last week the Scandinavian countries had asked the British authorities not to overload Dakotas flying from British airfields.

Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express declared: "To ground all Dakotas would disorganize and disrupt airline services. It is an extreme measure that may yet have to be discussed if disasters continue."

In general, newspapers called for what the Daily Mail aptly described as an "international Pilsen Line" in the air-safety code, formulated and respected by all nations.—Reuter.

PLANE EXPLODES

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 28.
An Army jet-propelled P-80 "Shooting Star" fighter virtually obliterated itself and its pilot when it crashed and exploded in a field north of here.

Witnesses said the plane caught fire in the air and the pilot, trying for an emergency landing, crashed.—Associated Press.

TAKE-OFF CRASH

Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jan. 28.
An Army B-29 with 14 men aboard crashed during take-off from Kirtland Field and authorities expressed belief all were killed. The plane burst into flames.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

One-Sided Co-operation

Last week this column became emphatic about the need for the public to co-operate with the police in dealing with law-breakers, potential or actual. But in doing so, we did not bargain for non-co-operation on the part of the authorities. Two cases have come to light and if they are going to represent the future attitude of the police to this question of a pulled front against lawlessness, then the Police Commissioner's appeal for co-operation will become so much nonsense.

No more glaring example of deliberate indifference to his duties as a police officer could be found than that disclosed in yesterday's Central Magazine prosecution in which a Commando testified that a police constable refused to arrest a man whom the soldier, alleged, had sold him a black market ticket for the King's Theatre. According to the evidence, the constable curiously told the Commando to do the arresting himself. He did so, and then found himself the object of a hostile demonstration of Chinese hoodlums. Incidentally, not a word was said in court about this constable's behaviour, nor was it suggested that the Commando was telling anything but the truth. We trust, however, that the Police Commissioner will not allow the matter to rest at that. Constables cannot be given the right to decide whether or not they will arrest a person when an accusation has been made by a third party.

The other case, smacking more of bare indifference than anything else, concerned the report of a home-breaking and robbery in Kowloon last week. The victims were Europeans and immediately they discovered the robbery at 7 o'clock in the morning they phoned the police station. They were told to "phone again later." Half an hour later the wife reported in person to the station and was then told to wait as the police officer was dressing. The police finally arrived at the burgled house about an hour and a half after the first telephoned report.

We do not suggest this is typical, but the fact that it can, and does happen, scarcely makes for public confidence in the appeal for co-operation with the police. We suggest that the Police Commissioner circulate his staff with a pointedly worded memo on the subject of police co-operation with the public.

BRITISH JUDGE KIDNAPPED WHILE IN COURT

Partition Plan Rejected

London, Jan. 28.
Dr Jamal Effendi Hussein, vice-chairman of the Palestine Arab Higher Executive, on Monday rejected partition as a solution of the Palestine problem and warned Britain that the creation of a Jewish state there would become "a permanent source of trouble in the middle east."

Dr Hussein spoke to the Anglo-Arabian Palestine conference which resumed its sessions on Monday with one of the principal parties to a settlement—the Jews still absent. Addressing 22 Arab and three British delegates in the conference room of St James Palace, Hussein claimed that establishment of "an alien Jewish state" would entail "the creation of another Balkans in the Middle East" and that all Arabs would resist it "with all means at their disposal."

Hussein demanded that "Socialist Britain should fulfil the pledges the British government had given to the people of Palestine which, he said, guaranteed self-determination."

PARTITION—"A MENACE"

"To the Arab world partition presents a further menace," Hussein said. "The Arab world is a territorial continuity inhabited by a homogeneous population with one national outlook. As such it is free from serious friction and is a natural bulwark for peace. The creation of an alien Jewish state in Palestine means the destruction of that territorial continuity and national homogeneity and the creation of a running sore that will undoubtedly become a permanent source of trouble in the middle east."

Hussein called the Palestine Arab case simple and self evident, and said that it meant only that the people desired to remain in "undisturbed possession of their country and to safeguard their natural existence and freedom.—Associated Press.

TRUMAN MADE THE DECISION

Boston, Jan. 28.
President Harry S. Truman personally made a wartime decision to use the atomic bomb against Japan. The president disclosed this in a letter to President Karl T. Compton, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, published in the February issue of the Atlantic Monthly.

Commenting on Compton's article that the atomic bomb saved "hundreds of thousands—perhaps several millions—of lives both American and Japanese" and shortened the war several months, Mr Truman wrote "your statement in the Atlantic Monthly is a fair analysis of the situation except that the final decision had to be made by the President and was made after a complete survey of the whole situation."—Associated Press.

Another Sensational Jerusalem Outrage

Jerusalem, Jan. 27.
Judge Windham, British District Court judge, was kidnapped by Jewish terrorists to-day, it was officially announced.

Ten armed Jews forced their way into the District Court at Tel Aviv while a civil suit was in progress and at gunpoint kidnapped Judge Windham, who is President of the District Court.

The kidnappers drove off in a black saloon car.

Judge Windham, who is nearly 42, had a distinguished record during the Somaliland campaign during the war, when he was seconded to the Government of British Somaliland as Legal Secretary.

Eight of the ten armed Jews who kidnapped Judge Windham were sitting in the public gallery when the Judge took his seat on the bench.

As the session opened, two other gunmen entered from a side door and rapped out the order: "Do not move or we shoot."

The eight gunmen sitting in the public gallery then approached the bench and at pistol point hustled the judge into one of the cars—reported to have been stolen—waiting outside.

The terrorists had previously cut all telephone wires outside the court.

According to a message from Tel Aviv, a Jewish girl telephone operator sustained a head wound while resisting. The whole kidnapping operation took less than one minute, according to eyewitnesses.

Judge Windham is heir presumptive to the English baronetcy of Bowyer-Smith.—Reuter.

ABDUCTED AS HOSTAGE

Associated Press adds that the police authorities said they were convinced that the kidnapping was carried out for the same reason as Monday night's abduction of Major Collins—for use as a hostage for Dov Ben-Gruner, Jewish terrorist—now under sentence of death.

Unofficial sources said that the 10 gangsters were well dressed and apparently arrived at the court building in three taxis.

Grace Moore To Be Buried In America

Cannes, Jan. 27.
Grace Moore's husband, Valentin Parera, before leaving for Copenhagen to-day said that his wife's body would be returned to New York for the funeral.

Mr Parera said he could not give the exact date of the funeral. He told the United Press he had telephoned Copenhagen immediately when he learned of the crash and had spoken to several eye-witnesses.—United Press.

PRINCE GUSTAV ADOLF

Copenhagen, Jan. 27.
The Swedish Crown Prince is due to arrive in Copenhagen to-night to supervise the transport to Sweden of the remains of his son, Prince Gustav Adolf.

The identification of the dead went on throughout the night. The Danish Government has ordered that flags be flown at half-mast throughout the country this morning.

The Danish air authorities to-day prohibited the use of Danish airports by Dakota planes with a total weight exceeding 11,450 kilograms at the take-off and 11,080 kilograms weight at landing.—Reuter.

LOADS REDUCED

Copenhagen, Jan. 27.
Denmark clamped a lower limit on loads which Dakota transport planes can carry in this country, following the crash which took the lives of the American opera star, Miss Grace Moore, Prince Gustav Adolf of Sweden, and 20 other persons.

The Danish air authorities announced that, effective now, no Dakota would be allowed to leave an airport in Denmark with a load of more than 25,108 pounds.—United Press.

CANADA'S GESTURE

Repeal Of Chinese Immigration Act

Ottawa, Canada, Jan. 28.
Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced the Canadian government intends to repeal the Chinese immigration act which has drastically limited the number of Chinese allowed into Canada.

Mr King said a bill will be introduced in the coming session of parliament for the repeal of the act which, he said, was regarded by the Chinese government "as an exclusion act and in the nature of discrimination on the grounds of race against a friendly and allied people."

He added that the effect of the repeal would be to remove "all discrimination against the Chinese race," and to bring Chinese persons under the general provisions of the Immigration act, and no longer under legislation applying exclusively to persons of Chinese origin.

With repeal of the act, wives and unmarried children living in China will be allowed to join husbands and fathers in Canada, as hitherto they were barred.—Associated Press.

Factories Hit By Coal Cuts

London, Jan. 27.
Thousands of factories all over Britain will start short time work this week as a result of cuts in coal allocation.

Most industries dependent on steel will be affected. Some Sheffield steel works have started a four-day week. The steel output is expected to drop by a quarter million tons a month during the period of curtailed coal supplies.

Hundreds of cotton mills are also reported going over to short time work. Many are said to have adopted a scheme a three-and-a-half-day week until coal deliveries increase.

Further cuts in working time may have to be made in addition to those planned earlier as a result of delays in coal supplies due to transport difficulties arising from the heavy snowfall.

The shortage of textile goods for home needs has reached a new climax, press reports said to-day. Men's stores were empty and tailors were facing the "worst crisis in history." Shirts, suits, coats, ties and handkerchiefs were all at a premium.

Shortage of manpower is the main clue to the present difficulties. The leading industries, including several metal working and all textile industries, need 657,000 workers—an increase of 22 per cent on the present total—to replace their pre-war labour force.—United Press.

RESPITE FOR TERRORIST

Execution of Gronor Postponed

Jerusalem, Jan. 28.
Dov Ben-Gruner the Palestine terrorist sentenced to death for his part in an Irgun raid will not be hanged on Tuesday.

An indefinite delay in his hanging was ordered on Monday night by General Sir Evelyn Barker, Palestine Commander.

A week ago he confirmed the sentence of death which a military court had passed on Gronor.

It was learned officially that the respite was granted to Gronor when a Palestine lawyer set in motion the machinery for an appeal. He had been briefed, it was learned reliably, by Gronor's sister, Mrs Helen Friedman of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Later, General Barker ordered a curfew, effective in the whole of Tel Aviv, the Jewish quarters of Jerusalem, Haifa and on all highways in Palestine.

The dramatic developments in the Gronor case came after the kidnapping from his flat on Monday of Mr Justice Ralph Windham, President of the Tel Aviv district court.

The police believe that he was abducted for the same reason as the terrorists took former Major H. I. Collins on Sunday night as a hostage for Gronor.

VAIN SEARCH

In a vain search for Collins, the Jerusalem bank manager, who was kidnapped from his flat on Sunday night, troops combed the labyrinthine slums of Jerusalem as the curfew fell on Monday night.

Steelhelmeted and armed with rifle and bayonet, they entered shops and houses in the Jewish quarters. It was officially stated that neither Collins nor any suspects had been found.

The soldiers taking part in the search were men of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the Lincolnshire regiment, and the Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

It was officially reported on Monday night that the High Commissioner, General Sir Alan Cunningham had summoned Jewish Agency leaders to government house for a conference and told them that unless Judge Windham and Collins were returned immediately, it would be necessary to "withdraw the civil administration from certain areas and place them under military control."

TELAVIV QUIET

An Associated Press Correspondent, Eric Gottlieb, gathered from Tel Aviv that the whole city was deathly quiet just after dark, except for the rumble of "literally hundreds" of Bren gun carriers and armoured cars. A few troops were seen walking about the streets. Meanwhile both police and military pressed the search for the kidnappers.

Two Jews were detained for questioning during the day. Legal circles in Jerusalem believe that the appeal, "even if unsuccessful," may delay the execution of Gronor "for months."

Ascher Levitsky, a Russian born Jew who practised law for a number of years in the United Kingdom, was reported to have conferred with Gronor in a Jerusalem prison on Monday.

Levitsky was reported by associates to be convinced that the convicted man should appeal to the Privy Council, "despite Gronor's recalcitrance and insistence on being a martyr." It was pointed out that such an appeal can only be made if Gronor signs the authorisation himself.—Associated Press.

HEAVY COST OF OCCUPATION

Washington, Jan. 27.
President Truman to-day asked Congress for a supplemental appropriation of \$200,000,000 for government and relief in areas occupied by American forces. The request is in addition to \$425,000,000 previously appropriated for this purpose during the current fiscal year. The new money would be for use between now and July.

The request also makes the total for the current fiscal year equal to an estimated expense of \$725,000,000 for the coming fiscal year in the government and feeding of occupied territories.—United Press.

Immigrants Held Up

San Francisco, Jan. 27.
Three hundred children of Chinese American citizens are being held in special detention quarters at U.S. Immigration Headquarters while officials determine whether they are eligible to enter the United States.

The District Operation Officer, Mr Arthur Phelan, said the immigrants were detained because they lacked the necessary clearances from United States Consuls overseas or husbands and fathers had to be located in order to check citizenship.—United Press.

MOSLEM MOBS DEMONSTRATE

React To Arrests

New Delhi, Jan. 27.
The arrest of Moslem League officials in Punjab State has touched off widespread protest demonstrations.

Mobs twice attacked the gaoth at Julundur, 80 miles east of Lahore, to free League officials held there. They dispersed when the police fired into the air. Six policemen were injured during the disturbance.

At Lahore, eight Moslems were freed from gaoth after conferences by high Government officials. Six of the eight, however, had to be ejected from the gaoth because they refused to leave unless all arrested Moslems were freed.

The eight Moslems, including two women, immediately addressed a defiance of the ban against gatherings. They dared the police to rearrest them.

Other mass demonstrations were reported in Gujrat, Ferozepur and Ludhiana. The police made mass arrests, charging the meetings illegal.—United Press.

CROWDS DISPERSED

Julundur, Punjab, Jan. 27.
The police fired seven rounds to disperse a Moslem crowd which threatened to attack the district gaoth yesterday and 23 arrests were made, it was announced to-day. There were no casualties.

The Moslems were demonstrating against the previous arrests of Moslems and against the Punjab Government's ban on the Moslem League's National Guard organisation. Later, a party of veiled Moslem women marched in a mock funeral procession right up to the inner gate of the prison without police interference.

Several other processions took place, some Moslems carrying naked swords and staves in defiance of the ban against carrying such weapons.—Reuter.

Breakdown In Treaty Parleys

EGYPT MAKES NEW DEMAND

London, Jan. 28.
Foreign Secretary Bevin told the House of Commons on Monday that negotiations for a revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty had broken down on the Egyptian demand for a permanent union with Sudan.

In a simultaneous announcement to the Chamber of Deputies in Cairo, Prime Minister Nokrashi Pasha said that Egypt's demands included the evacuation of British troops, and the hope of future negotiations in which "broader and less stubborn counsels would prevail." He declared that in the meantime the treaty will be adhered to.

The treaty expired in 1948. Mr Bevin disclosed he had offered to sign a treaty of mutual assistance and protocol calling for the evacuation of the troops from Egypt.

In addition, he said, he had agreed to start separate discussion of Egyptian demands for the Sudan at a conference attended also by the Sudanese.

To all these proposals, he declared, he had received "either an uncompromising negative" or proposals which would involve negotiations based on the theory that, whatever amount of self-determination was given the Sudan, the Sudan must be joined with Egypt.

Mr Bevin said that he had been accused of "pursuing a policy of encroachment to slice the Sudan from Egypt."—Associated Press.

Cairo, Jan. 28.
Premier Nokrashi Pasha told both Houses of Parliament on Monday: "It is ridiculous that anybody should claim that Egypt wants to dominate the Sudan. Egypt will work for the welfare and prosperity of the Sudanese."

He asked the Egyptians and Sudanese to "sacrifice their own interests as the country was passing through a most critical stage and to join in the struggle for achieving their national demands."

After delivering this message to the Chamber of Deputies the Prime Minister presented it to the Senate.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN ACCUSED

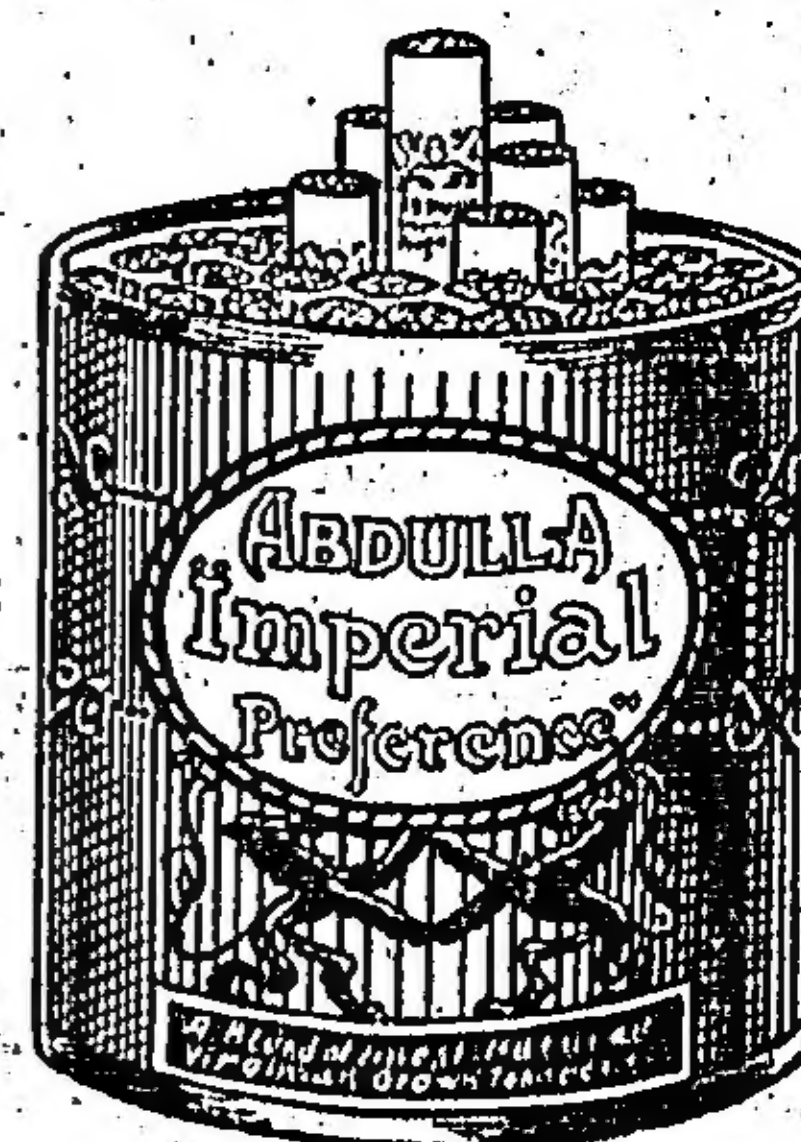
Cairo, Jan. 28.
Nour el Din Tarrat, a Nationalist deputy told the Egyptian Council of Ministers on Monday: "The British are our real enemies, we should fight them hard, not only in Egypt but in the whole world, before the Security Council of the United Nations and in every place."

"It is no use co-operating or attempting to reach an understanding with the British because they are imperialists."

"The British are frightened by our taking the matter to the Security Council and our delegation should tell the world that Britain occupied Egypt by force and tortured the country."—Associated Press.

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SHOULD WE GIVE AWAY OUR SECRETS? Scientists hit back at the politicians

By KATHLEEN LONSDALE
D.S.C., F.R.S.

X-ray research scientist

SIR ROBERT RENWICK has rebuked Sir Henry Dale, adviser on atomic energy to the Prime Minister, for warning the politicians that in the future many scientists will refuse to work under conditions of secrecy.

"The scientists," says Sir Robert, in effect, "must continue to be good little backroom boys, and not meddle in the high and holy affairs of politics and national policies."

"Politicians," he says, "do not meddle with science. Let scientists keep away from politics."

This is pure nonsense. Politicians have meddled very much with science in the past.

On the brink

They have taken the results of scientific investigation, which could and ought to be used exclusively for the benefit of mankind, and misapplied them so dangerously that civilisation now stands on the brink of an abyss.

And now that scientists have woken up sufficiently to protest, the politicians are trying to clap them in chains.

But scientists are also citizens. They have civic responsibilities, and they would be traitors to their own country, as well as to mankind as a whole, if they did not warn the politicians, out of their special knowledge, that the pursuit of narrow national policies will push civilisation over the edge.

Within the last 33 years we have had two disastrous world wars. Why? Because the politicians have insisted that each nation should shut itself up into a narrow light-tight box, that security consists in surrounding oneself by high, thick walls and tightly-locked doors.

Taste of jail

It would do Sir Robert Renwick and politicians who think like him all the good in the world to spend a month in jail.

They would find that loss of freedom does not make anyone safer. A well-directed bomb sent the walls of one fortress prison tumbling in heaps on the unhappy inmates.

And they would find that it made them—infinitely—poorer—poorer—in material things and poorer in spirit.

If we persist in trying to make our little island, "set in a silver sea," invulnerable to attack by the old-fashioned methods of armaments, conscription and secret preparations for defence and attack, we shall bring Britain to economic and spiritual bankruptcy, and we shall not save ourselves from military disaster.

For Sir Robert Renwick has apparently forgotten that we are now living in an atomic age.

Major-General Leslie Groves, military head of American atomic bomb production, giving evidence before the U.S. Senate Committee on Atomic Energy, declared that if America were attacked secretly he would be prepared to rain 10,000 atomic bombs on any country he suspected, without waiting for proof.

In the face of such criminal irresponsibility, what defence is there except to be above suspicion?

There is no defence against the atomic bomb. That was admitted by the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom and Canada and the President of the U.S.A. in the Agreed Declaration of November 1945.

The position has not changed. There is no development of a super-radar or any other invention that could intercept even one per cent of jet-propelled atomic weapons.

Even if 99 per cent could be intercepted it would still not be enough.

If we all became troglodytes and lived underground we would still not be safe.

The atomic bomb is an ideal saboteur's weapon. It could be carried in a crate, and could not be detected except with a screw-driver.

And if we did attempt the horrible task of moving ourselves and our industries underground we should ruin ourselves economically.

Path to war

If all the nations in the world outlaw atomic weapons and then go on developing national armaments, we shall be living in a fool's paradise. For that course is as bound to lead to war as it has always done in the past, and once war breaks out there will be a mad rush to develop any diabolical weapon that will give a quick victory.

Nations cannot afford to be scrupulous in modern war.

And make no mistake about it: Britain's position is such that she will always be at the wrong end of the atomic bomb; she will always be the most vulnerable to attack by bacteriological or other weapons.

How can we prevent all this?

Only by becoming truly international in outlook. Only by surrounding ourselves by friends instead of by "secret" defences which are no defence. Only by taking the apparent risks that true friendship always involves.

The only security we shall ever get in the future is that of not being afraid, of not being suspicious.

What happens when the world's politicians meet?

If newspaper reports are correct, they seem to do little but snarl and fence for position. At any international conference of scientists there are no national frontiers, no attempts to gain national advantages.

A boy's reply

Scientists are a world community that might well serve as a prototype for mankind as a whole.

Sir Robert Renwick shows his complete ignorance of the affairs of science if he does not realise that Kapitza and Joffe in the U.S.S.R., that Compton, Langmuir, Urey and a host of other prominent scientists in the U.S.A., that the Joliot-Curies in France, and, indeed, scientists from all over the world, have spoken out as fearlessly and plainly in favour of freedom in science as has Sir Henry Dale.

Professor Blackett tells the story of a little boy who was asked by his uncle what he wanted to be when he grew up. "I want to be alive" was his answer.

Thanks to the mismanagement of the world's politicians, many little boys of two generations have not grown up to maturity.

Are we to stand aside and allow them, by a policy of trying to have their cake and eat it, to decimate a third generation?

Britain is not a Nazi country. We are proud to be citizens; we will not be slaves.

By N. F. MOTT
M.A., F.R.S.

President of the Atomic Scientists' Association

SIR ROBERT RENWICK accuses the scientists of Great Britain, and in particular an ex-president of the Royal Society, Sir Henry Dale, of advocating that no secret scientific work should be done in Britain, and of thereby imperilling our military security.

I do not know what Sir Henry actually said, but the views attributed to him are certainly not those of most scientists, and probably not his.

What scientists all insist is that the secret work should not, in peacetime, be done in universities where most research on the fundamentals of physics is carried out. This can be argued from many points of view, and not least on Sir Robert's own ground, that of the military preparedness of Britain.

Young men

The two outstanding scientific achievements of the war, radar and the atomic bomb, were both based on pure research carried out before the war, and the men who did the work were trained in our universities in the atmosphere of free and eager investigation that existed there.

Our strength as a nation in the future depends on whether we can create a new body of young scientists, equally full of ideas and enthusiasm, they cannot be trained in an atmosphere of locked doors and official secrets.

We require, too, new developments in pure science, on which—should the need arise—the secret weapons of the future can be based, and also the new peaceful industrial processes on which our industrial position will depend. These new developments will arise only in an atmosphere of free and untrammelled inquiry.

Sir Robert says also that scientists should keep away from politics, which should be left to the professional politicians. This is a shocking statement. Politics are the business of the citizen, in a democracy.

Citizen's duty

In particular it is the duty of the citizen specially to concern himself with those branches of politics in which he has expert knowledge of the conditions in which he can best serve the State.

In fact, both in the case of radar and of the atomic bomb, it was the scientists who recognised the military possibilities, and who showed the Government what steps had to be taken.

I am afraid that what Sir Robert really desires is that scientific policy should be left to Whitehall, to the Civil Service of which he has been a distinguished representative. If that is so, his views will command little support from the citizens of a democracy.

According To Culbertson

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Experts sometimes base their defence on the sound idea of creating the greatest possible number of guesses for the enemy. Note how this may work out in a specific case. Rubber bridge. East, dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
6
♦ A Q 9 6 4
♦ 9 5
♦ 10 8 6 5
EAST
♦ 10 6 3
♦ 10 7 5 8
♦ K 8 4
♦ A Q J 7 5
♦ Q J 7 5
SOUTH
♦ A J 9 8 7
♦ J 8 3
♦ 10 6 3
♦ 9 4
WEST
♦ 10 6 3
♦ 10 7 5 8
♦ K 8 4
♦ A Q J 7 5
♦ Q J 7 5

The bidding:
East 1 diamond Pass West 1 no trump Pass
East 2 diamonds 3 spades Pass

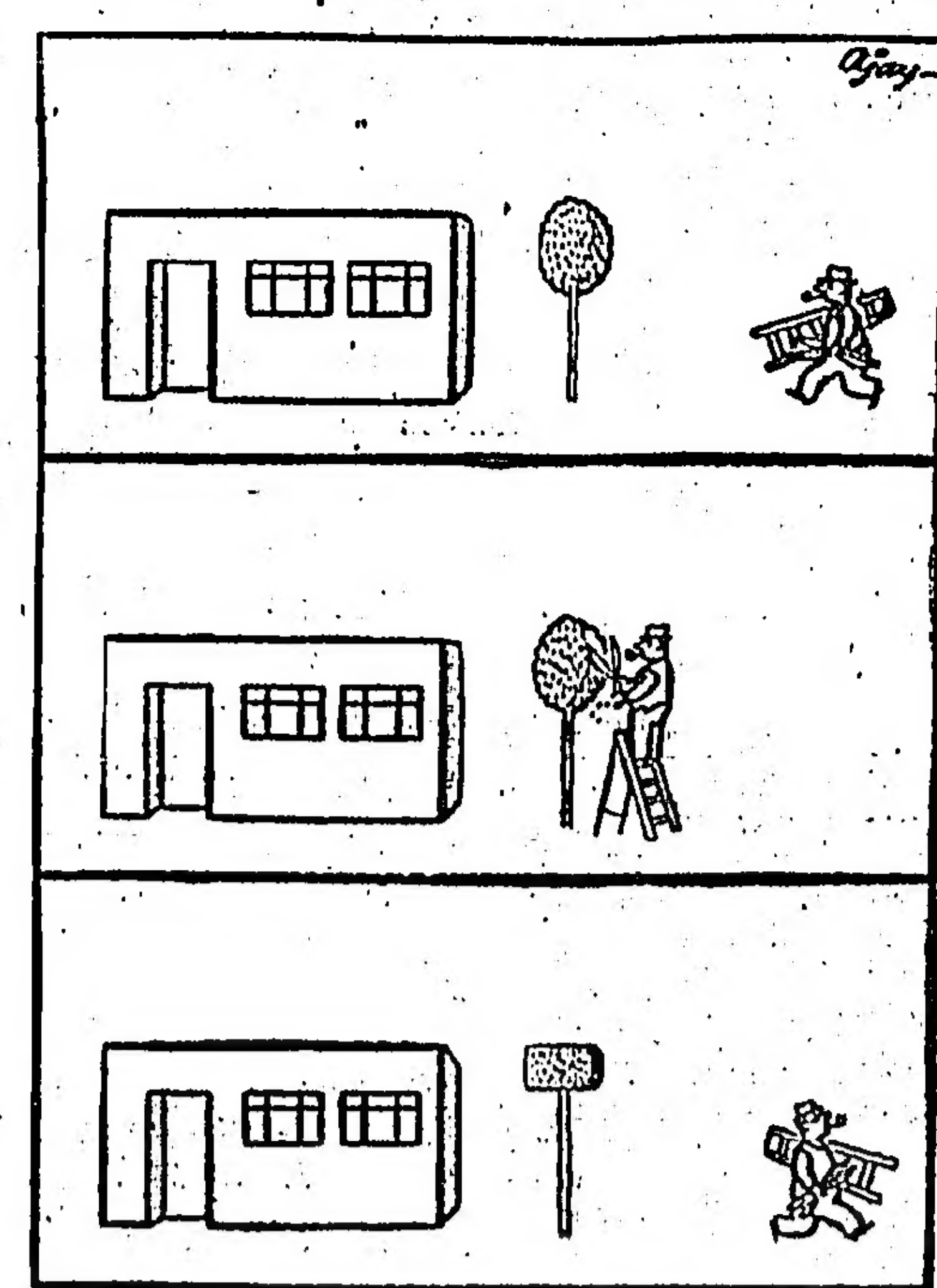
Obviously, South's two-spade bid was extremely dangerous. It was probably motivated by the fact that the opponents had shown no great strength up to this point, but that was not a very sound basis for bidding.

East might have doubled two spades for penalties except for his feeling that the opponents would be

able to get into a better contract. Obviously, he was correct in this thought—a three-heart bid by North would have fared much better.

West opened the diamond king and, on sight of dummy, shifted to a low club. Declarer should have put up dummy's king, but like so many players who mismanage this particular situation, he played low, and East's jack won. A low spade was now returned and declarer, forced to guess, put in a low card, hoping to drive out the king or queen. Actually this lost to the ten-spot, and west returned a diamond. East collected the ace and queen and led a third round. Declarer ruffed low and led the club nine. West, a player with plenty of nerve, again ducked, and the nine was allowed to ride, declarer hoping to drive out the ace. East, however, won with the queen and continued diamonds, declarer again ruffing. Now the heart finesse was tried. East won with the blank king and, realising that he had forced declarer sufficiently in diamonds, returned the spade king. Declarer won, but that was his last trick. On another heart lead East ruffed, picked up declarer's lone spade jack, and led a club to West's ace.

By giving declarer all possible opportunities to go astray (opportunities which he graciously accepted) the defenders collected no fewer than ten tricks, holding South to the pitiful total of three trump tricks, and thereby collecting 500 points.



By CHAPMAN PINCHER

DEVELOPMENTS IN SCIENCE

DEEP photographs—studio portraits in which the details stand out in three dimensions—will be available shortly.

A process for producing these solid pictures quickly and cheaply is to be operated by a London firm. It was invented by Maurice Bonnet, a 38-year-old Frenchman. A special camera moving in an arc takes a series of photographs of the sitter. Lighting is normal. Mirrors play no part.

The negatives of these photographs are super-imposed between two thin glass plates by a secret method. The result, seen with the naked eye, is a picture which looks like a glass box containing a solid sculpture of the sitter.

A three-dimensional photograph can be taken in about five minutes.

Hope for the deaf

PEOPLE who were so deaf that their only hope of continuing social life lay in lip-reading are hearing perfectly as a result of an operation performed by a London surgeon. They were victims of otosclerosis—a hardening of the middle ear affecting more than 2,000,000 men and women in Britain.

A small bone called "the stirrup," normally conveying sound from the ear drum to the inner ear, becomes wedged in its aperture in the skull. It cannot vibrate, so hearing is impossible.

The only cure is to cut a new aperture to transmit the vibrations. It takes the surgeon three hours to do this.

Called "fenestration," the operation was first developed in Sweden and improved in America. The London surgeon has perfected it.

BRITAIN'S latest guns secretly developed since the war, are little more than light-weight "drain-pipes" that could be carried by infantry. But they will fire super-heavy shells great distances.

The barrel of the new guns is open at both ends. Gas escapes backwards through a series of funnels. This eliminates "kick," and makes a complicated gun-mounting unnecessary.

A mass of propellant explosive that would burst an ordinary gun can be packed behind the shell in the wide-bored barrel.

Drain-pipe guns can be adapted to anti-tank and field artillery roles. Their use might make tanks obsolete.

General W. J. Edridge 48-year-old Director-General of Artillery, thinks atom bombs will play little part in any future field warfare. Their effect cannot be localised—a limitation that may never be overcome.

So research goes on to perfect guns.

The toadstool men

THE world's foremost authorities on toadstools are meeting in London for the jubilee of the British Mycological Society.

Mycologists study fungi—mushrooms, toadstools, moulds and yeasts. Mycophagists eat them.

Dr. John Ramsbottom, fungal expert of the British Museum, will lead all out into the field. More than 100 enthusiasts will scour Windsor Park for specimen toadstools.

The spoils will be laid out on long benches and named by the mycologists. Whereupon the mycophagists will pick out the best for the pot. They trust Dr. Ramsbottom completely.

Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1—Ostrich
2—Put through
3—Biological
4—Degree
5—Largest
6—Continued
7—Not working
8—Billiard stick
9—Was clear
10—Wine
11—Limb
12—Ring cheerfully
13—State of World
14—War I battle
15—Rude usage
16—Wife
17—Value
18—Laid
19—Wager

DOWN
1—Uncoated
2—Fracture
3—Pen point
4—Writing page
5—Pen nib
6—Small glass
7—Lined
8—School session
9—Dressed head
10—Wine
11—Township in ancient Greece
12—One or other
13—High explosive
14—Part of "The War"
15—Graciously
16—Mind
17—Indicated
18—Distant
19—Word of honour
20—Two feet
21—Throne
22—Comical
23—Title of
24—Conjecture
25—Boy's marble
26—Fence
27—Negative
28—Waggle
29—Impact
30—Impact
31—Through
32—Fence garment
33—Charge for service
34—Chained snail
35—Kind of liquor
36—Complete
37—Riveted railway

NANCY Smear Campaign

I THINK I'LL TRY AUNT FRITZ'S LIPSTICK

OH—I GOT THE RIGHT SIDE HIGHER THAN THE LEFT

NOW THE LEFT SIDE IS HIGHER THAN THE RIGHT

MAYBE THE LOWER LIP SHOULD BE BIGGER

THE UPPER LIP IS TOO SMALL

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By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Helen Fraser for Lois Leeds.

Want to be a Model? Here's News for you!

WANT TO BE A MODEL?

Want to be a Model? Don't all answer at once! Modelling is unquestionably the most sought-after profession to-day.

I think that it is a good sign; it makes girls (and women) conscious of their figures, their hair, their makeup, their posture, poise and ability to look the part.

I recently lunched with Helen Fraser, head of the Barbizon School for models, and we discussed the pros and cons of modelling. She has launched many a "cover girl" and many a professional model. And, by the way, do let me point out that modelling as a profession can be practised in many places other than New York.

And, too, it isn't the "naturally pretty" girl who wins all of the places in the modelling field. Miss Fraser points out that new faces and new types are always welcome and can be trained to find a remunerative place. There are new fields opening for trained models, not only fashion mediums but the commercial aspects of stage, screen, radio, the arts and sciences.

Modelling needn't be your only goal but if you prove to be the type it's a fascinating and a very feminine profession—and it is very well paid!

Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE



If you show your Ears, beautify them. A tiny touch of rouge makes the earlobes pretty—and makes them match your cheeks. If your face is broad, use oval or irregular shaped earrings. For the long, thin face, button earrings in brilliant colours will do a beautifying trick!

Tropical print



Jungle animals and birds in brilliant colours chase each other across this striking yellow silk evening gown.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



Order a new car? Slippery, dot at my age, Judge—I'm 68!

LONDON LETTER

BY JOHN SHIPTON

Coincidental with one of Britain's worst cold spells for many years came news of a coal famine which threatened to cause wholesale unemployment. Mr. Shinwell, the Minister of Fuel, however, acted quickly and called a council to discuss immediate measures to assist industries whose stocks of coal were nearly exhausted. Result: priority orders were rushed through, but despite this the Ministry announced that hold-ups were inevitable unless the utmost care was taken to conserve stocks.

The crisis was not unexpected. With stocks depleted many industrial areas for months past have had to rely on current production, and the shortage of railway wagons and bad weather have added to the difficulties.

There has, of course, been criticism of the Government and miners have been accused of absenteeism following the holidays, but the fact remains that production figures at the time of the big shortage could not possibly have been known.

Cuts in Electric Power

Apart from the coal hullabaloo, the cuts in electrical power have annoyed more than a certain section of the public. Indeed, this fuel business is causing such a headache that I understand the Government is considering stopping the manufacture of domestic equipment which uses electricity.

Many householders fearing a coal shortage this winter, bought more than half a million electric fires. The electricity cuts, which are made when the peak load is too great for the generating plant, have nothing to do, I am told, with any coal shortage.

Royal Visit to South Africa

More news of the British royal family's trip to South Africa. It is expected they will leave Britain in the Vanguard on February 1 and will leave the Union on April 24.

It is whispered that to coincide with their return London and a number of provincial centres will hold a Royal pageant on the same scale as victory celebrations for the Royal return and Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday on April 21.

Incidentally, when King George and Queen Elizabeth tour the Union, officials and pressmen aboard the train will be able to keep in touch with the outside world every minute of the 24 hours. The Marconi company was given the task of devising and providing the radio equipment which would fulfil all the requirements and overcome the problems of space and vibration.

Radio equipment is divided between the two trains. Part will be in the Royal train and the remainder in the pilot train, which will carry officials and pressmen. Both trains will be fitted with broadcast receiving equipment and there will be facilities for broadcasting over more than 60 loudspeakers. For the King's personal use there will be a receiver house in a special cabinet.

The pilot train will also have a Marconi high speed short wave radio transmitter and keying equipment, together with a short wave receiver for transmission of press reports and for general communication purposes.

"Just William"

Most of you will have heard by this time the famous "Just William" feature of Richmond Crompton, but I doubt if you know how the programme came to be introduced. It appears that twelve months or so ago a BBC producer met a 12 year old boy, John Clark, on the top of a London bus. They had a conversation and the producer was so struck by John that he arranged to give him an acting test for work on the radio. John was so successful that he was given a part in a popular funny programme in which Mr. Will Hay was a schoolmaster.

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Any object which rises above the horizon will show up instantly in the ship's radar screen in the wheelhouse radar room. The scanner is equipped with de-icing equipment. No winter gales can handicap this lookout. In the radar room a cathode ray tube shows a narrow beam of light rotating 40 times a minute. The tube is 10 inches wide, 27 inches long, 12 inches deep. Any obstruction to the radio pulse which is searching the seas is reproduced visually in the beam. A glowing spot will show the distance and the bearing of the obstruction for an immediate report to the watch officer.

The radar was developed during the war by Cosser Radar, Ltd., Highbury, London, which built the instruments for the Royal Navy.

appearing in the stage version of "Just William" at a London theatre and their show is heartily recommended.

Best Films of 1946

It is interesting to note that of 10 films listed as the best in 1946, most of them have been mentioned in this column. The films were "Great Expectations", "Theirs is the Glory", "A Matter of Life and Death", "See a Dark Stranger", "The Overlanders", "The Corn is Green", "The Searching Wind", "Blue Siles", "A Night in Casablanca", and "Les Femmes du Paradis". Of these the first five are British, four are American, and the final one in the list is French.

Olympic Marathon Chances

Britain's hopes of winning the Olympic marathon race of 26 miles 385 yards are likely to be pinned on Jack Holden of Tipton Harriers, whose headquarters are in the Midlands counties. That Holden is the greatest runner over a distance of ground that Britain has ever seen is testified by that good judge, Ken Bailey, who after watching him in a recent 50 miles track race said: "I say he can win any distance for Britain at the next Olympic games from three miles upwards." In that race Holden covered 20 miles 395 yards in two hours, 36 minutes, 39.4 secs.

Holden, who won the English Cross Country championship three times and the International title four times did not go with the British team to Oslo because he was resting.

CONCERN FELT FOR CHIANG'S YOUNGER SON

An Associated Press message from Nanking states that concern is felt in the Chinese capital as Communist headquarters reported a Manchurian engagement wherein both the younger son and the nephew of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek faced peril in what Red military reports called "an utter government defeat."

A panzer regiment formerly commanded by Chiang Wei-kuo, the Generalissimo's younger son, and during the time of the engagement commanded by the Generalissimo's nephew, Gen Yu Ts'i-shih, "was among the units destroyed in a battle 40 miles northwest of Kirin," the Communist communique stated.

Although Chiang Wei-kuo was said by the Red dispatches not to have been involved in the onslaught, anxiety is nevertheless felt on his account, as 24 medium tanks allegedly belonging to a regiment at present under his command were described as destroyed.

EUROPE GETS HORSES

Purchase of 18,405 Canadian horses, required for farm work and breeding purposes in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia, has been completed by the Canadian Commercial Corporation acting on behalf of UNRRA. Mr. C. R. Galloway, Acting Canadian Trade Commissioner in Hongkong, announced to-day.

Twenty-three ships have been chartered to take the animals across the Atlantic. Total loss in transit since last June, when the UNRRA horse purchasing project began in Canada, was only 61 horses, or less than one-third of one percent. Mr. Galloway said a number of the ships discharged without losing a single animal.

HOLLYWOOD IS ECONOMISING

If movie stars are more worried than usual these days, it's not only because the income tax season is approaching. The economy wave which is sweeping the industry threatens the livelihood of many of them.

MGM is leading the way in slashing expenses; the studio will make only 24 films in 1947, against 41 last year. Other studios will follow suit, and this means that expensive star lists will be pared down.

There will be more freelance stars fighting for fewer jobs, since the independent producing situation is tightening up.

VICAR LOVES THE PUB

A clergyman who "loves" saloons is the Rev. J. Dumphreys. "I love a pub," the vicar of St. Philip's church, London, told the Folham and Kensington Licensed Victuallers Association. "The public house is a place where all creeds and conditions meet to enjoy happy fellowship, friendship and a bit of fun."

"There is no evil in a public house except the evil that is created in the minds of malicious people."

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GERMANS ON PROWL IN BERLIN

Widespread thefts and burglaries in homes occupied by Americans in Berlin have resulted in a fear psychosis developing among the residents, say officials of the U.S. Military Government.

"Security problems are very serious now that we have the long winter darkness," one leading official said, adding that in the United States "we would describe it as a wave of petty thefts. It is not so much the value of what is stolen, mainly food and clothing, but the realization that every night Germans are on the prowl in our basements and pantries that scares people."

Zehlendorf, a Berlin suburb where many American families are housed, for the present is the main target for German burglars and thieves. Night after night they concentrate on selected streets or rows of houses and make clean sweeps of food and laundry. The goods, very short in supply for Germans, quickly finds its way into the black market.

One hundred extra German policemen from other American zone districts have been sent to Zehlendorf to combat the crime wave. They get about on bicycles, and many are accompanied by police dogs, reports Associated Press.

Chennault Denies Offer Of New Job

Gen. Claire L. Chennault, head of the CNRRA Air Transport, in answer to a query by the Shanghai Evening Post as to whether he had been offered the job of organising a civil aviation service in China replied: "No comment."

The famous Flying Tigers chief returned to Shanghai from Nanking after a three-day talk with high Government officials.

Chinese newspapers gave prominence to the departure of Gen. Chennault and quoted a report that he had been offered the job of heading a civil aviation service to put China's skyways in shape.

ITALY HOPES TO PLAY IN DAVIS CUP

Anticipating the signing of the Italian peace treaty before next summer, the Italian Lawn Tennis Federation reportedly has mailed applications for the 1947 Davis Cup challenge in the European zone.

This would enable Italy to resume the role in international world sports which was interrupted by Italy's entry into the war and her defeat.

Italy was readmitted last year to the International Tennis Federation, but was forbidden to play in the 1946 Cup competition because no peace treaty had been signed.

The deadline for entries in the 1947 competition is January 31.

Rupert and Ninky—24



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Postal Union To Meet In May

What Britain's General Post Office describes as "one of the finest examples of international co-operation" is the Postal Union, which regulates the postal services and the exchange of mails between all the countries of the world.

The next Congress of the Postal Union is due to be held in Paris in May next. This will be the first

Ernie Pyle's Pipe

The only known pipe belonging to the late Ernie Pyle, beloved war correspondent, will be added to the Pyle Collection at Indiana University. He left it at his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico, when he went to the Pacific, reports United Press.

meeting of the Postal Union since 1939, when the Congress met in Buenos Aires.

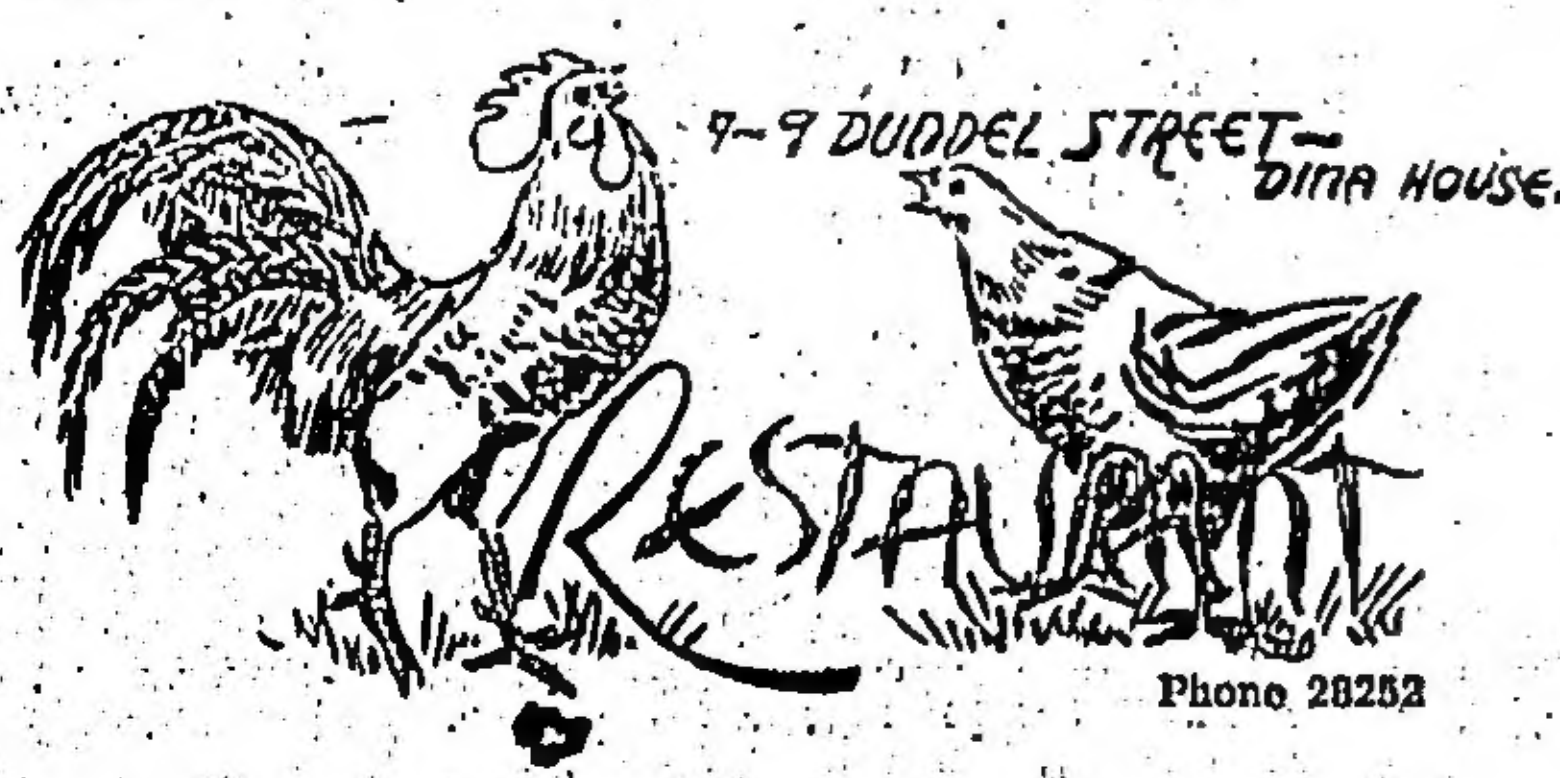
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TRADERS IN JAPAN

Chalon, who replaces B. Quinn, is a new cap.—Reuter.

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